



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4276**  
Kazuo SUGAMURA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2001\_0572A  
Serial No. 09/831,452 : Group Art Unit 1647  
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**AFTER FINAL REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 23, 2006, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following remarks.

A Notice of Appeal hereby accompanies this response.

**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1647**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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